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## Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

KLOTZ ET AL.

Examiner

Lori L. Coletta

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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### Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 02 April 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 13-20 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3, 9 and 11 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 4-8, 10 and 12 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

### Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 02 April 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

### Attachment(s)

- ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 04022004.
- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. \_\_\_\_\_.
- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_.

## DETAILED ACTION

### *Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102*

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 1-3, 9 and 11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Altmana 4,877,281.

Regarding claim 1, Altmana '281 discloses a removable container for positioning in the interior of a vehicle which comprises a web-like member which forms an enclosure; at least two securing members which can be movably secured to appropriate locations in the interior of the vehicle and secure the web-like member in an erect position to the interior of the vehicle; and a closable opening in the web-like member.

Regarding claim 2, Altmana '281 discloses the removable container wherein the web-like member comprises a top panel, a pair of side panels, a bottom panel, a front panel and a rear panel.

Regarding claim 3, Altmana '281 discloses a removable container wherein the web-like member is formed of flexible fabric.

Regarding claim 9, Altmana '281 discloses a removable container wherein the rear panel extends from the bottom panel of the container and can be moved to close the interior of the container.

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Regarding claim 11, Altmana '281 discloses a removable container wherein the web-like member is formed in a general cuboid shape, and the horizontal adjacent edges of the pair of side panels and the top and bottom panels overlap to form horizontal overlapping strips.

*Allowable Subject Matter*

3. Claims 13-20 are allowed.

4. Claims 4-8, 10 and 12 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

5. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:

The recitations of the specific features of the removable container for positioning in the interior of a vehicle in claim 13 including especially the construction of the two suction cups can be removably secured to appropriate locations in the interior of the vehicle without damaging the interior and secure the web-like member in an erect position to the interiors of the two windows of the vehicle is not taught nor is fairly suggested by the prior art of record.

6. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

The cited references show several other removable containers similar to that of the current invention.


7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Lori L. Coletta whose telephone number is 571-272-6658.

The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 7:30am-4:00pm.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Glenn Dayoan can be reached on 571-272-6659. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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